



FAO Career Panel **LIAISON OFFICER**

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Duty Description

OMC-Kuwait LNO to Kuwaiti Land Forces G2

Acts as Military Intelligence Representative of the Chief, Office of Military Cooperation-Kuwait. Serves as Advisor to the G2, Kuwaiti Land Forces to augment the level of mutual cooperation and coordination with deployed U.S. forces. Coordinates execution of matters of mutual interest to ensure integrated and mutually supportive war plans, contingency plans and exercises. Performs other missions as required.





Where Do I Work?

Depending on the LNO job:

- Assigned Headquarters (close to the flagpole)
- Host Nation Army or MOD
- International/Multinational Organizations
- DoD/Joint Staff
- Interagency Community





Responsibilities

- Represent the U.S., DoD, the Army, and your unit/boss
- Speak for senior commanders and policymakers
- Know unit and U.S. policy/doctrine/tactics/organization
- Understand host nation culture, organization, issues
- Ensure *mutual* understanding
- Maintain open communications (Report back!)





A Day in the Life...

- PT
- Check email/voicemail
- Work with counterparts
- Staff Call
- Outside meetings/visits
- Briefings/backbriefings
- Social activities





Personal Observations

- Daily interaction with other forces/offices/agencies
- Visibility on a wide variety of projects and issues
- Seldom work issues in detail
- Requires flexibility, diplomatic skills, rapid absorption of information, *language skills*





Summary

A great job for a FAO!

Requires strong language skills

Chance to learn in detail about other agencies and other nations

Opportunity to build lasting relationships with foreign officers

Superb way to learn about host nation military and about the national community

